New Child Protection Scheme

550. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to bring out a new child protection scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to bring all other existing programmes under the proposed new scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) The Working Group on the Development of Children for the Eleventh Five Year Plan has recommended that a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme, Integrated Child Protection Scheme(ICPS), be initiated to address the issue of child protection and build a protective environment for children. The aims of the proposed Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS), *inter-alia*, are:—

—improved institutional care;

—quality non-institutional and alternative care;

—counselling and family support;

—training and capacity building.

(c) and (d) It is proposed to bring the existing schemes and programmes *viz.* A Programme for Juvenile Justice, An Integrated Programme for Street Children, CHILDLINE Services and Shishu Greh Scheme, etc. under the proposed new scheme.

Assessment of sex trade in Goa

551. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Goa has made assessment of sex trade in the State;

(b) the result of such assessment; if any;

(c) whether the State Government proposes to establish a separate unit to control sex trade in Goa;

(d) whether Government have given any financial assistance to the State or to the Non-Governmental organization working in the field in the State; and

(e) the quantum of assistance given to such organizations in the last three years and the names of these organizations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) Strict Police Vigil in the Red Light Area and booking of the offenders under the various provision of Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956.

(ii) A scheme namely Rehabilitation scheme for Commercially Exploited Women has been notified by the Government of Goa.

(iii) The Government of Goa has enacted a unique Legislation namely 'The Goa Children's Act' thereby making stringent provision for offences like 'Child Trafficking', 'Child Abuse and Sexual Assault' and 'Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Dedication'.

(iv) The State Government has conducted 6 training programmes for the Police dealing with Trafficking in Women & Children in coordination with UNODC and WISE-an NGO.

(v) The Government has also conducted 2 training programmes for the Public Prosecutors on the subject of Trafficking in Women and Children.

(vi) Free condoms are distributed through Health Department in the Red Light Area of Baina.

(c) No. However, a Women & Child Protective Unit has been constituted by Goa Police.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.